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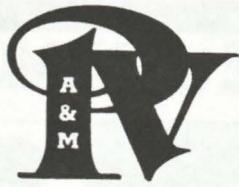
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## Faculty/Staff Conference begins 1997-98 Academic Year

The theme for the Faculty/Professional Staff Conference this year was, "The Changing Face of Higher Education: Prairie View A&M University, Destination-21st Century". Leading the conference held in August, PVAMU president, Dr. Charles A. Hines, spoke candidly explaining the complexities we face today in higher education. Following the address by Dr. Hines, employees received a wealth of additional information about making "positive change" a reality at our institution from a variety of speakers.

Employees witnessed sessions on such topics as performance measures of the Legislative Budgeting Board's (LBB) "report card on PVAMU", new requirements of the Office of Management and Budget (OBM) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) review process. Other topics included a study of institutional effectiveness; the strategy of putting students first; enrollment management; serving students with disabilities and setting high standards.

Featured at the conference was Dr. Virginia Wheelles, associate vice president for planning and special assistant to the chancellor at the University of North Texas, speaking on, "So There Is Effectiveness Here. Can You Prove It?". Dr. Mac A. Stewart, dean of the University College at Ohio State University, lectured on, "Putting Stunts First: The University College Strategy." "Enrollment Management: The Role of Mentors in Retention," was presented by Dr. Lemuel Watson, of Educational Administration and Supervision at Illinois State University. Terry Ekland, from the Texas A&M University System Human Resources Department, gave a revue of the issue, "Faculty and Professional Staff: Setting the Standards High."

The four day conference allowed employees to review the goals and objectives of the university as we strive to achieve excellence through the delivery of service to our students.



Faculty/Staff Conference at PVAMU

## PV honors former Dean A.E. Greaux

The College of Engineering and Architecture is set to honor former dean, Austin E. Greaux, P.E. The University will host a luncheon and a building dedication on October 31. The formal dedication ceremony will take place at the Engineering and Architecture Quadrangle. The noon luncheon, in the West Wing of Alumni Hall, and the 2:00 p.m. dedication is a part of the 1997 PVAMU Homecoming Celebration.

Dean Greaux was instrumental in developing a variety of innovative programs and accreditations to which the college has laid claim. He served as dean from 1966-1983.

For more information, contact: Mrs. Carolyn Bradley-Oliver, 409-857-4091, of the Office of Institutional Development.

## Center to be Established at PVAMU

Across America, violent crime committed by and against juveniles is a national crisis threatening the safety and security of many communities. Utilizing new state funding, Prairie View A&M University has established a new center for the study of juvenile crime focusing on solutions to violence and disorder that disrupts U.S. communities.

The Center for the Study and Prevention of Juvenile Crime and Delinquency will provide public service education, training, research and outreach programs. It is hoped that research at the center will generate new and innovative approaches to address gang-related violence.

The Center will receive fiscal support from state appropriations, federal grants, private gifts and donations. Once the center is operating, cost increases will be those associated with: a) research

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# EDS Unigraphics Gives \$1.5M In Design Software to PVAMU

Engineering students at Prairie View A&M University have made a name for the university with the development of innovations such as the solar powered car. Such activity may only be the tip of the iceberg, as the College of Engineering and Architecture received a major gift last May from EDS Unigraphics. George Peters, EDS Unigraphics vice president, announced a major contribution of design software valued at \$1.5 million to PVAMU. Engineering students will open new vistas in design as they utilize the Unigraphics software which is able to foment computer-aided design, manufacturing and engineering problem-solving.

Eventually, this technology will be on the campus of nine member schools of Advancing Minorities Interest in Engineering (AMIE), a coalition of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and fortune 500 corporations. PVAMU is the first to receive this system and is an integral part of the process of disseminating information to the other institutions in AMIE.

Dr. James Morgan, PVAMU professor of mechanical engineering, says students will be introduced to Unigraphics software in fresh-

man design classes and continue to use it throughout the full engineering curriculum. He states, "We will be able to mimic the engineering philosophy used in industry with students designing and manufacturing parts concurrently."

"Unigraphics will shorten the transition from academic practice to professional practice", stated Dr. Morgan. The professor is confident that with Unigraphics software, PVAMU will be more competitive in attracting top-notch students and educating them in innovative ways.

An important part of the product is a program called the Computer-Assisted Self Teach On-Line Training Library (CAST). CAST can be accessed and utilized during a live Unigraphics session without jeopardizing production part files. It provides the value of hands-on training as well as a solid refresher on information students learn in the classroom. Students learn in a non-threatening environment at their own pace.

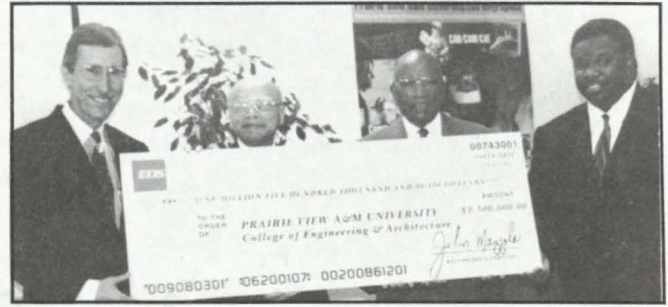
Dr. Milton R. Bryant, dean of the College of Engineering and Ar-

chitecture at PVAMU, stated,

"We would like to formally thank EDS for the generous contribution of Unigraphics software and consulting services. We are proud to embellish an Advanced Manufacturing Capability into our engineering curriculum that is currently used by leading companies." George J. Peters, vice president of EDS Unigraphics, said, "...this CAD/CAM Laboratory at PVAMU gives witness to EDS' commitment to community involvement with a special focus on opportunities via educational programs. It is the right thing to do!"

PVAMU president, Dr. Charles A. Hines, acknowledged the EDS Unigraphics donation saying, "This is one of the most important days in Prairie View history! We are in receipt of a gift that we could never afford and you are witnessing a proud partnership between the university and corporate America." President Hines further stated, "Its real value can be found in the thousands of lives that it will touch."

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PVAMU president Dr. Charles A. Hines accepts EDS Unigraphics donation

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including developing appropriate computing capability, b) support for undergraduate and graduate student stipends and scholarships, c) facilities access to follow programs to be conducted in the respective urban and rural settings, and d) infrastructure and program development to accommodate continuing

education and in-service training requirements.

The Center for the Study and Prevention of Juvenile Crime and Delinquency will enable PVAMU to assess promising approaches from which to address the topic of violence related to youth in our society.

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# Research Scientist Develops Four New Inventions

## *Dr. Raul Cuero Signals New Scientific Milestones*

Dr. Raul Cuero is a research scientist making history at PVAMU. Dr. Cuero, already a world-class research scientist, has broadened the scope of his professional influence by developing four new inventions designed to improve the human condition.

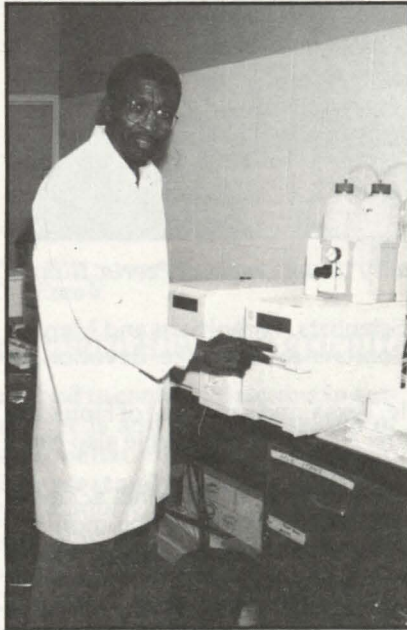
During his tenure at PVAMU, the premier scientist has established a record four inventions in a nine year period of time. If that was not enough, he currently is working on an additional invention that will bring his number for the year to five (almost one invention every two years.). It should be noted that the normal rate for most university research scientists is about one invention/patent every five years.

Dr. Cuero's four inventions are: 1) **Biocontrol of Fungal Contamination in Food and Crops**; 2) **Increase Production of Vitamin, Minerals and Hormone in Plants**; 3) **Control of Toxic Metals in liquid and Soil**; 4) **Control of Oil Contamination**.

Born in Columbia and educated in Great Britain and the U.S., Dr. Cuero is employed as a research scientist within the Cooperative Agricultural Research Center (CARC) of the PVAMU College of Agriculture and Human Sciences. He received a bachelor of science degree in biology from Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, a master of science degree from Ohio State University in plant pathology and a doctorate in microbiology from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, United Kingdom.

Dr. Cuero has been named "Outstanding Mentor for the NASA-Sharp-Plus Research Program for High School Students" (1995) and "Colombian-National Outstanding Scientist". He received the Recognition Award for Significant Contribution to Research at PVAMU in

1981, 1989 and 1992. He also was named "Most Valuable Player" by the Colombian National Basketball Team at national and international competitions in the North, Central and South American Divisions (1965-70).



*Dr. Raul Cuero*

The research scientist has conducted research in bioremediation, food and agricultural biotechnology and feed safety. He has conducted research in microbiology; mycology; mycotoxins production; fermentation and production of secondary metabolites. He has also engaged in research on the production and control of toxic compounds, phenolic compounds and enzymes in tissue culture, cell suspension and in mature plants.

Numerous high school students have been mentored into professional careers in the sciences by spending the summers and beyond working in Dr. Cuero's laboratory. His philosophy is simply that all of the disciplines of science are con-

nected by common bonds and the key point of creativity is a study of "differences between similarities".

Cornell University student, Melissa Navarro, a former student of Dr. Cuero's praised the PVAMU program and Cuero. She said, "You unknowingly opened a door for me which I hope will lead to a successful and happy future."

Beyond his inventions/patents, advancing university research and mentoring a whole new generation of scientists, Dr. Raul Cuero is a much sought-after speaker/lecturer. He has lectured in Argentina; Brazil; Belgium; Great Britain; Canada; Scotland; Colombia; Israel; Holland; China; Mexico; Japan; Panama; Denmark and various countries in Africa.

Texas A&M University System deputy chancellor, Dr. Leo Sayavedra, said in a letter commending the research scientist, "Dr. Charles A. Hines (PVAMU President) has informed me of the excellent research you are conducting which focuses on techniques that effectively control toxigenic and pathogenic fungi in food crops. Obviously, Dr. Hines is very proud of your efforts and the manner in which you represent Prairie View A&M University." He further stated, "I share his pride and enthusiasm and want to commend you for the excellent work you are doing." He also said that Dr. Cuero's work, "...brings pride to the university and to the Texas A&M University System."

Dr. Raul Cuero has answered the call for new technologies destined to improve the progressive environments of a fast-paced generation of consumers bent on utilizing technology to solve age old problems. As time goes on, Dr. Cuero hopes to push the banner of progress to new heights of invention.



## "Don't Stop For Anything Less Than Excellence!"

Says, PVAMU Mathematics Professor

Excellence in education became a resounding theme as PVAMU mathematics professor, Dr. Freddie L. Frazier, addressed the Tri-County Urban League of Peoria, Illinois in June. Saying, "It only takes a little bit more to achieve excellence", Dr. Frazier implored a crowd



Dr. Freddie L. Frazier addresses the Tri-County Urban League of Peoria, Illinois

of students, parents at the "Tomorrow's Scientists, Technicians and Managers and Upward Bound Community Conference" to make devotion to excellence a personal lifestyle.

Freddie Frazier, a native of Woodville, Texas, and a resident of Houston, received his B.S. and M.S. from Prairie View A&M University. He also has a doctorate in education from the University of Houston.

Speaking at the meeting to celebrate 20 years of educational achievement in Peoria, Dr. Frazier made many analogies between common life experiences such as baking a cake and building a successful life. According to Dr. Frazier, it is necessary to develop solid goals and objectives. Next, the identification of necessary ingredients is an important part of cake preparation and life preparation. Also, a personal belief in one's ability to perform the task (confidence); a desire to accomplish the task; a willingness to try new or proven approaches; a devotion to hard work and a firm belief in God are important principles to personal advancement.

Professor Frazier confided that beyond excellence, there are several other points that are integral to success. He illustrated that a positive attitude is a basic ingredient for success. Dr. Frazier says, "Don't run after negative things. Work toward making life a positive experience!" In explaining the need for a positive attitude he stated, "Don't let anyone tell you that you can't learn mathematics! God gave you a brain, so use what God has given you as effectively as you can."

The PVAMU professor firmly believes that it is important to help others as well as yourself as you pass along life's way. As professor of mathematics and coordinator of engineering math at PVAMU, Dr. Frazier has incorporated the concept of helping others into his academic service to the university by working long hours helping students understand basic principles of mathematics.

He has been awarded the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Award for Teaching Excellence and the General Tasker H. Bliss Medal from the Society of American Military Engineers. Dr. Frazier lists the following ingredients for success: 1. Get a mind set; 2. Make preparations; 3. Have confidence in yourself; 4. Become self-motivated..desire is contagious!; 5. Become a patient about life's ups and downs; 6. Be willing to work--studiously; 7. Keep God in front of you!

## PVAMU Takes Part in "University Center"

The North Harris Montgomery Community College District has constructed a new University Center at North Harris College Montgomery in the Woodlands. The facility is the first of its kind in Texas, and one of only a few in the country. Located off Interstate 45 North, near Conroe, the University Center is designed so that students can complete bachelors and masters degrees from one of the participating universities without leaving home. PVAMU is one of a number of universities offering degree programs at the University Center in the North East Corridor.

The new 78,000 sq. ft. facility houses classrooms/laboratories that will serve as a hub of multi-level instruction offering courses for all levels of college education in partnership with five other regional universities.

The PVAMU bachelor's degree programs offered include: nursing, social work and sociology. Master's degree programs offered are: elementary/early childhood education, educational administration, engineering, and nurse practitioner (being developed). Other universities participating in the new initiative are: Texas Southern University, Texas A&M University, Sam Houston State University, University of Houston and the University of Houston-Downtown.

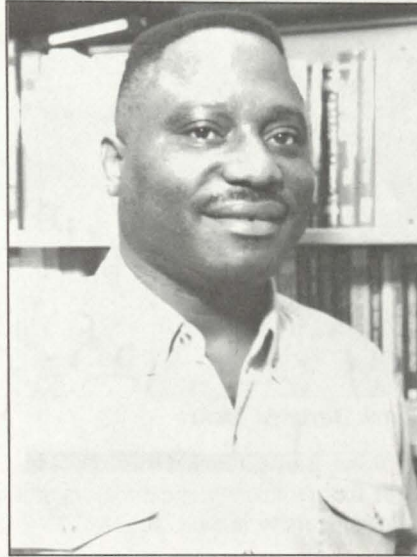
## American History Workbook Revised

Dr. Howard Jones (History Program Coordinator), Dr. Lena Boyd-Brown (Associate Professor of History) and Dr. Louis Williams (Assistant Professor of History) of PVAMU have joined Dr. Merline Pitre of TSU in revising the Brandywine Workbook in American History, Volume I to 1877. Copies are available at the PVAMU Bookstore).

# PVAMU Professors Study Abroad In Russia and the Ukraine

Assistant professor of political science, Dr. Andrew Ewoh, and assistant professor of communications, Mrs. Carol Means journeyed to Russia and the Ukraine this summer. The two PVAMU professors were a part of a program to establish/enhance international studies at partnering institutions of the University of Iowa.

Professors Means and Ewoh spent the month of June at the University of Iowa studying Russian language/culture before visiting the countries in July (four weeks). Dr. Ewoh researched Russian political economy and public administration during the trip while Mrs. Means made a study of Russian journalism and Alexander Pushkin (the father of Russian literature).



*Dr. Ewoh*



*Mrs. Carol Means*

## Professor/Scientist Speaks at International Agriculture Conference In Jamaica

Dr. Victor G. Stanley, associate professor and research scientist in the College of Agriculture and



*Dr. Victor G. Stanley*

Human Sciences and the Cooperative Agricultural Research Center (CARC), took an eventful trip across the Gulf of Mexico. He was attending the 8th Annual Jamaican Society for Agricultural Sciences Conference in May.

Professor Stanley stated, "Jamaican poultry farmers have now found a new and cost-effective

method to control aflatoxins in animal feeds and the introduction of salmonella (a food-borne pathogen) from meat and poultry." Of the trip, Dr. Stanley said, "It was my pleasure to attend the Jamaican Society of Agricultural Sciences Annual Conference where I presented different approaches to improve food safety and to reduce aflatoxins in feeds."

Dr. Stanley presented a paper entitled, "A Global Approach to Improve Food Safety with Biotechnology and Consumer Education." Also presenting a paper at the conference was Dr. Dalton McWhinney, who examined the theme, "Enhancing Goat Breeders Competitiveness through International Linkages and Global Data Exchange."

Live yeast cultures produce enzymes that supplement the enzyme loss by the body through consumption of feeds contaminated with toxins. The cell wall component of the yeast acts as a binder, blocking the absorption of the toxin from the gastrointestinal tract. If toxins are not absorbed by the body, they cannot do any harm to the body

of the animal and therefore prove safer for human consumption.

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## CEA Fiftieth Anniversary Gala and Campaign

The College of Engineering and Architecture will celebrate its 50th anniversary October 31st. The celebration will feature a lecture series, workshops and a gala.

A Guest Lecture Series will be held at the College of Engineering and Architecture, featuring corporate representatives at 9:00 a.m., Friday, October 31. The lecture series is to feature discussion topics involving the transition from college to corporate America.

During the evening, October 31, the College will host a 50th Anniversary Gala at the Double Tree Hotel, Houston. The gala, "A Class Black Tie Affair", will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Contact Kelvin Kirby (409)857-4606 or Margie Lewis (857-2211).

# NCAA picks PVAMU's Coach Jacket

Prairie View A&M University professor, Barbara Jean Jacket, has been appointed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association as a member of the NCAA Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee. Jacket, who served as U.S. Head Women's Track and Field Coach at the 1992 Barcelona Games, began her NCAA Track and Field Committee term of office September 1, 1997.

Coach Jacket is credited with coaching the PVAMU Women's Track Team to numerous indoor and outdoor national track and field championships.



*Coach Barbara Jacket*

Also, Barbara Jacket served as one of the first female athletic directors at a major university in the U.S.

## \$10,500 EXXON Special Grant awarded to Prairie View AMU

EXXON Corporation has announced that Prairie View A&M University has been awarded \$10,500 in grants to provide for special programs and equipment. EXXON is contributing a total of \$1.6 million in departmental grants to approximately 90 colleges and universities.

Departments receiving the grant can use them for any educational purpose they choose. Past grants have supported scholarships; field trips; visiting speakers; equipment/student/faculty travel to profes

sional meetings and other academic projects.

Bell Truman, EXXON college relations direvtor, stated, "...these grants are specifically directed to university departments which are producing the type of well qualified graduates which EXXON needs."

Institutions are chosen for the awards based on the number of EXXON employees hired from the particular college/university and EXXON's recruiting success at the institution over the past five years.

## PVAMU Sergeant First Class Named Top Noncom

Fort Monroe--Sergeant First Class James C. Courtney has been named the top noncommissioned officer for the 4th ROTC Region, U.S. Army Cadet Command. He represented this region in countrywide competition at the Cadet Command Commander's Conference held at Fort Monroe, Virginia, recently.

SFC Courtney is assigned to the U.S. Army ROTC Battalion at Prairie

View A&M University. He serves at PVAMU as battalion training non-commissioned officer and is the primary instructor of MS1/freshman cadets. Courtney is an infantry soldier who wears the Expert Infantry Badge, the meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

## UV Waste Water Treatment Facility

PVAMU has a "new and improved" waste water facility at the Historically Black University (HBU) campus. The plant has a very distinctive, new feature...its waste water disinfection method is provided by ultraviolet disinfection.

Ultra-violet light (UV) is invisible radiation within a range of the electromagnetic spectrum with a wave length between 100 and 400 nanometers (one nanometer unit wavelength equals 10 angstroms). All micro-organisms contain proteins and nucleic acid as their main components. Ultraviolet light disrupts these components and destroys the ability of the micro-organisms to reproduce and, as they are inactivated, they can no longer cause disease.

The new UV disinfection method made the PVAMU facility the first of five treatment facilities in the State of Texas to begin the new process. The UV system helps eliminate the use of chlorine gases, which can have hazardous effects on the waste water system and the general ecology.

## Dr. Gloria R. Smith Fall Commencement Speaker at PVAMU

Dr. Gloria R. Smith, vice president for Programs at W.K. Kellogg Foundation, will be PVAMU Fall 1997 Commencement speaker Saturday, December 13. The commencement program is set to begin at 10:30 a.m., at the William "Billy" Nicks, Sr. Health and Physical Education Building. (Candidates should report at 9:30 a.m.)

A pre-event rehearsal will be held Friday, December 12, at 8:30 a.m., also in the William "Billy" Nicks, Sr. Health and Physical Educaiton Building. Degree candidates are requested to be in attendance at the rehearsal.

# Girl Scouts Honor PVAMU Alum: Alpearl Sadberry-Connor

by Dolores Lillie Mae Connor

The Girl Scout Councils of the State of Texas have paid a rare honor to eighty-five women who are described as, "Women of Distinction". The women selected embody the principles of the Girl Scout movement including a devotion to honesty, fairness, respect and service to others. The honorees have been cited for significant contributions to the quality of life in society.

The eighty-five honored women are seen as understanding, respectful and appreciative of other cultures, religions and socio-economic groups. They are mothers, doctors, educators, politicians, philanthropists, judges, journalists, computer engineers, volunteers and professionals of a variety of fields. According to Girl Scout Councils from all over the state, these women have made a difference in their local communities and are continuing to make a difference in Texas today.

PVAMU alum, Alpearl Sadberry Connor, was noted in a ceremony conducted at the State Capitol, as an individual who truly embodies the principles of the Girl Scouts. Mrs. Connor is a retired educator and a resident of Fort Worth, Texas. A native of Benchley, Texas, she has been married to Walter M. Connor (also a PVAMU alum) for fifty-four years. She received a Bach-



Alpearl Sadberry-Connor

elor of Science in Home Economics from PVAMU. Mrs. Connor did advanced graduate study in mathematics at the university of North Texas in Denton.

Over the years, Alpearl Connor has represented Circle T Council in the Fort Worth area serving as troop leader; trainer; council board committee member; camp director; American Camp instructor and director of instructors.

As a troop leader, Alpearl Connor was instrumental in removing barriers to ensure that Girl Scouting was open to all who accepted the Girl Scout Promise and Law. As a trainer, she impacted the lives of adults by helping them recognize the talents and abilities they possessed which could be shared through Girl Scouting. In her capacity as leader and trainer, she is often heralded as a "role model". A representative from Circle T Council says, "Through her words and deeds, Alpearl Connor has demonstrated that she is indeed a sister to every Girl Scout."

In addition to Girl Scouting activities, Alpearl Connor is active in other civic organizations including Eastern Star, Delta Sigma Theta

Sorority Inc., Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Texas Congress of PTA and the YMCA.

## HealthStep Wellness Program Friday, October 10th

Texas A&M University System and the Prairie View A&M University Office of Human Resources held a HealthStep Wellness Program for employees and retirees Friday, October 10, at the lower level of the Owens-Franklin Health Center. The HealthStep Wellness Program provided wellness screening, health evaluations and individual follow-up.

Wellness screenings are not a substitute for regular medical evaluation and do not diagnose medical problems but can prove helpful in the identification of lifestyle habits that can be changed to improve health. For more information about the HealthStep Program or matters related to wellness, contact: Dr. Rena Boss-Victoria, 409-857-4210.

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Dr. Stanley believes that, "The use of live-yeast culture offers the best biological approach in controlling the toxin that is evident in animal feeds in tropical countries." Accordingly, Dr. Stanley's presentation was featured in the June issue of, "The Gleaner" (a Jamaican national newspaper), and was cited as a noteworthy contribution to the Jamaican Society of the Agricultural Sciences Annual Conference.

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# Coming Soon!

**October 1997**

## **James Baker Institute Foreign Affairs Conference**

Rice University Gymnasium  
Thursday, October 16, 1997  
9:00 a.m., for info contact: Ext. 2810  
Office of Institutional Development

## **Staff and Faculty Town Hall Meeting**

Administration Auditorium  
October 21, 5:00 p.m.

## **Legal Issues in Public Schools Conference**

Saturday, October 25, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Hobart Taylor Recital Hall  
Sponsor, College of Education  
Contact: Dr. William Parker or Mr. Bill Caesar, 409-857-2312  
fax number 409-857-4127

## **Million Woman March Set**

Million Woman March scheduled October 25, 1997, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. March Coordinator, Dalla Walker (281) 933-5783.

## **Austin Greaux Building Dedication Planned for Homecoming**

A luncheon and building dedication will be held October 31, at 12:00 noon, honoring Austin Greaux as a part of the 1997 Homecoming Celebration. The luncheon program is to be held in Alumni Hall and a dedication take place at the Engineering & Architecture Quadrangle at 2:00 p.m.



## **A New Orleans Mardi Gras Style Homecoming 1997**

"Laissez Les Bon Temp Rouler",  
October 26-November 1,  
(Let The Good Times Roll)

**November 1997**

## **Homecoming Game**

PVAMU vs Mississippi Valley State,  
Saturday, November 1, 2:00 p.m.  
Homecoming Week  
October 26-November 1, 1997.

**December 1997**

## **PVAMU Winter Commencement**

Billy J. Nicks Physical Education Building  
10:30 a.m., Saturday, December 13, 1997

## **PVAMU Holiday Schedule Set**

*15 Days in 97-98 Fiscal Year*  
Prairie View A&M University president, Dr. Charles A. Hines, has released a comprehensive holiday schedule for employees of this 121 year old institution.

**Thanksgiving**  
**November 27-28**

**Christmas/New Years**  
**December 22-January 2**  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**January 19**  
**Memorial Day**

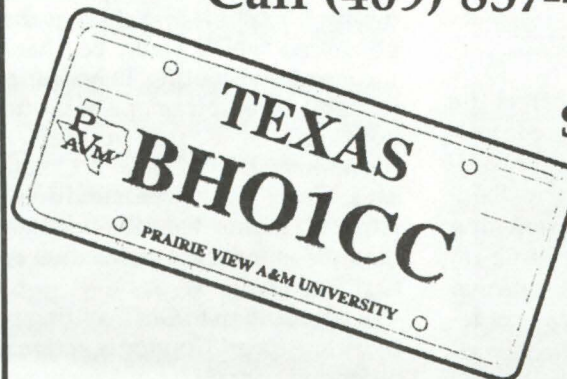
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